

The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D. C. 20505

16 December 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Public Affairs

FROM: DCI

Here's a note of appreciation to you from Mac Godley along with a similar request from John Ehrlichman which I am answering as per the attached.



William J. Casey

Attachments:
As stated

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G. MC MURTRIE GODLEY



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July 9, 1985

Mr. William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Bill:

A word of thanks for what your people have
done for me.

Last Tuesday [redacted], who was with
me in both the Congo and Laos, spent the day with
me, and we discussed at length the book and the
help I will be requiring. [redacted] is a man whom I
admire tremendously, and I am most appreciative
of Mr. Lauder or someone else assigning him to
help me at this time.

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I am sure his assistance will be invaluable
and hope the end result is worthy of your help
and meets with the Agency's approval.

Gratefully yours,

G. McMurtrie Godley

GMG/mbd

The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

16 December 1985

Dear John,

I have your request for information about photo reconnaissance satellites and how they work. We can't give you information on that except to point out that a considerable amount of information has unfortunately appeared in the public media.

The best thing I can do for you is to refer you to two books published by Ballinger Publishing Company, 54 Church Street, Harvard Square, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138. One is Sword and Shield which has a chapter on technical collection, including imagery and ocean and space surveillance. The other, I believe by the same publisher, is about the American intelligence system and has virtually all the information that has been published, some of it accurate and some of it inaccurate, about alleged photo reconnaissance activities which, despite all the publicity, is still classified. The author of the two books is Jeffrey Richelson. He used to work in Defense intelligence I believe and now teaches at American University here in Washington. The book about the Soviet system just came out and the other one on the US Intelligence Community was published in 1985.

Yours,

William J. Casey

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November 21, 1985

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Gentlemen:

Last week at the National War College (where I was lecturing)
[redacted] of N.S.A. suggested that I write you for assistance.

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In connection with some writing I am doing I need to educate myself about photo reconnaissance satellites, both American and Russian. I need to understand something of how they work, how their photographs are transmitted or transported to earth and how interpreters use them.

I am sure much information is classified and I am not asking for that. I seek information that is in the public domain, in print, and I would like to interview someone who can explain the material that is properly available.

Can you suggest unclassified sources for some or all of this information?

I'll very much appreciate your help.

Yours truly,

John Ehrlichman

cc: Mr. William Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

Bill, I'll appreciate any help your
folks can give me. This is for a
novel I'm just beginning -
Many Thanks -
John